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In re Application of:

Nguyen, et al.

Serial No.: 09/828,335

Filing Date: April 5, 2001

Title: MULTIPLE LOOP TISSUE
CONNECTOR APPARATUS AND
METHODS

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Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 and § 1.98, Applicant submits for consideration in the above-identified application each of the documents listed on the attached Substitute Form 1449A. The Examiner is requested to make these documents of record.

This Information Disclosure Statement is submitted:

- ☒ Within three months of the application filing date or before receipt of a first Office Action on the merits; accordingly, no fee or separate requirements are required.
- ☐ After receipt of a first Office Action on the merits but before a final Office Action or Notice of Allowance.
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- ☐ A Certification under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) is provided below; accordingly, no fee is believed to be due.
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Applicant would appreciate the Examiner initialing and returning the Substitute Form 1449A, indicating that the information has been considered and made of record herein.

Applicant further brings the attention of the Examiner to the following co-owned pending patent application:

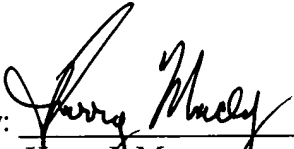
U.S. Serial No. 09/540,636 filed March 31, 2000

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Respectfully submitted,

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